



ANNUAL REPORTS

for the Town of

Harrisville

New Hampshire

for the twelve months

ending December 31,

1953

Annual Reports

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of

HARRISVILLE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending

DECEMBER 31

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

RALPH B. BEMIS

Town Clerk

HELEN B. THAYER

Town Treasurer

DOROTHY E. LUOMA

Selectmen

HAROLD W. POPE

Term expires 1954

J. EDWARD MATTILA

Term expires 1955

WILLIAM P. HOUSE

Term expires 1956

Tax Collector

RALPH B. BEMIS

Highway Agent

ARTHUR W. WIKMAN

Supervisors of Check Lists

GUY W. THAYER

MADYLINE WINN

ELAINE HOUSE

Health Officer

WILLIAM F. BEMIS

Constable

JUSTIN B. CHAMBERLAIN

Police

CLIFTON E. RICHARDSON

EDWARD GREGOIRE

JUSTIN B. CHAMBERLAIN

Cemetery Agent

ERNEST W. CHAMBERLAIN

Trustees of Trust Funds

JOHN J. COLONY, JR.	Term expires 1954
GUY W. THAYER	Term expires 1955
JOHN N. CLARK	Term expires 1956

Old Home Day Committee

CASPER C. BEMIS, JR.	ALFRED DIETZE
EDWARD N. WINN	

Election Officers

JOHN F. PRIEST	BERNARD F. BEMIS
GEORGE P. WINN	GEORGE G. MASON

Fire Wards

LAWRENCE RATHBURN	RALPH B. BEMIS
JUSTIN B. CHAMBERLAIN	CHARLES M. BERGERON
FREDERICK DAVIS	

Fire Chief

LAWRENCE RATHBURN

Chief Forest Fire Warden

LEONDER J. ST. PETER

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

CHARLES M. BERGERON	CLIFTON E. RICHARDSON
JOSEPH H. LAVIGNE	JOHN J. COLONY, JR.
RALPH B. BEMIS	JOHN MARNELL
FREDERICK SUNDSTROM	

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

HAROLD W. POPE	WILLIAM P. HOUSE
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Fence Viewers

HAROLD W. POPE	RALPH B. BEMIS
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Harrisville Christmas Tree Committee

CHARLES M. BERGERON	ALFRED E. DIETZE
GUY W. THAYER	

Chesham Christmas Tree Committee

J. EDWARD MATTLA CASPER C. BEMIS, JR.
RAYMOND L. GOODYEAR

Harrisville Beach Committee

JOHN MARNELL ALFRED E. DIETZE
GUY W. THAYER

Overseer of Poor

HAROLD W. POPE

Library Trustees

MADYLINE WINN	Term expires 1954
LOUISE B. BERGERON	Term expires 1955
GUY W. THAYER	Term expires 1956

Town Hall Committee

SELECTMEN

State Auditors

ALAN R. MATTHEWS	EDGAR O. PESQUERA
Auditor	Accountant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Harrisville in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Wells Memorial School in said Harrisville on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To determine and appoint the salaries of Town Officers and fix the compensation of any other agent of the Town.
4. To hear reports of agents, committees or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow money on the credit of the Town in anticipation of taxes.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$459.81 if the state will contribute \$3,065.40 for T.R.A. work.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to be used in co-operation with State and Federal funds, for the control of White Pine Blister Rust within the confines of the Town.

8. To see if the Town of Harrisville will vote to buy from Velma Fraser for the sum of One Dollar the following described tract of land:

A certain tract of land situated easterly of the highway from Marlboro to Chesham in the district of Pottersville, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner thereof at a corner of stone walls; thence southerly along a stone wall which separates land now or formerly of Annala and land of Velma M. Fraser fifty (50) feet to an iron pin in said stone wall; thence westerly eleven hundred ninety (1190) feet, more or less, along other land of Velma M. Fraser to a stone wall at land

sold by Velma M. Fraser to Clifford Mayou by deed dated July 3, 1951, recorded in Vol. 571, Page 453 of the Cheshire County Registry of Deeds; thence northerly along said stone wall fifty (50) feet to a corner of stone walls; thence south 73° east eleven hundred ninety (1190) feet to the stone wall at place of beginning.

9. To see if the Town of Harrisville will vote to sell to Clifford Mayou for the sum of One Dollar the following tract of land:

A certain tract or parcel of land situated easterly of the highway from Marlboro to Chesham in Pottersville, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a corner of walls on the northerly side of an old road and at a corner of land now or formerly of the heirs of Gertrude Russell; thence northerly on the said wall and said Russell land about 75 feet to a corner of walls; thence easterly on said Russell land bounding partly on a stone wall to a corner of walls; thence southerly on another wall bounding on land of this grantor and the remains of a stone wall about 250 feet to the said old road; thence westerly bounding on a wall on said old road to the place of beginning.

10. To see if the Town of Harrisville will vote to purchase a new truck and to pay for the same by:

- a. Raising the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) by taxation.
- b. Withdrawing Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) from the capital reserve fund, and
- c. Turning in the old truck as part payment.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for repairs on bridge southwest of the vestry.

12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at auction the M30 Tractor and old Sander. The proceeds to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for road equipment.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for improvement of the Harrisville Beach.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for improvement of the beach at Russell Reservoir just north of the dam.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to prepare and maintain a skating rink on Harrisville Pond.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for a cab for the fire truck stationed in Chesham.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for (5) five street lights on Bemis Hill in Chesham.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20.00 for a street light on a pole in front of the Allen Vincent residence.

19. To see if the Town will vote to purchase from Philip E. Scott for the sum of one dollar the former Boston and Maine Railroad right of way extending east ten hundred fifty (1,050) feet from the present terminus of the town road on the south shore of Lake Skatutakee.

20. To see if the town will vote to expend the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to improve the former Railroad right of way purchased by the town in Article 19.

21. To see if the Town will vote to approve the appointment by the Selectmen of a Zoning Commission of five (5) members, which Commission shall make recommendations regarding zoning districts and appropriate regulations and shall hold a public hearing thereon prior to a final report of said Commission as provided by Chapter 51, Section 55 of the Revised Laws of the State of New Hampshire.

22. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty four.

J. EDWARD MATTILA
WILLIAM P. HOUSE
HAROLD W. POPE
Selectmen of Harrisville

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

J. EDWARD MATTILA
WILLIAM P. HOUSE
HAROLD W. POPE
Selectmen of Harrisville

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 10, 1953

Moderator called the meeting to order by reading the Town Warrant. Moderator opened the polls at 9:30 A. M. for Town Voting. Recessed the Town Meeting and opened the School Meeting for school voting. At 10:30 A. M. the moderator called the Town Meeting to order.

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

Ballot Clerks: John Priest and George Winn

Election Officers: Bernard Bemis and George G. Mason.

- (1) Police officers: Clifton Richardson, Edward Gregoire, Clarence Seaver, Justin Chamberlain.
- (2) Trustee of Trust Fund, John N. Clark.
- (3) Old Home Day Committee: Casper C. Bemis, Jr., Alfred Dietze, Edward N. Winn.
- (4) Firewards: Leonder St. Peter, Ralph Bemis, Frederick Davis, Charles M. Bergeron, Justin Chamberlain.
- (5) Surveyors of wood and lumber: Harold W. Pope, William P. House.
- (6) Fence Viewers: Harold W. Pope, Ralph B. Bemis.
- (7) Christmas tree committees for Harrisville: Charles M. Bergeron, Alfred E. Dietze, Guy W. Thayer.
For Chesham: J. Edward Mattila, Casper C. Bemis, Jr., Raymond Goodyear.
- (8) Overseer of the poor, Harold W. Pope.
- (9) Library Trustee, Guy W. Thayer.
- (10) Harrisville Beach Committee: John Marnell, Alfred Deitze, Guy W. Thayer.

Article 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Voted to adopt the town budget as prepared by the Selectmen and add \$50.00 to the amount raised for Town Officers salaries and \$200.00 more to the Fire department.

Article 3. To determine and appoint the salaries of town officers and fix compensation of any other agent of the town.
Voted to leave the salaries as they are.

Article 4. To hear reports of agents, committees, or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

- (1) Report by Selectman William P. House that Congregational Church building was not for sale.
- (2) Reports of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Auditors, and Fire Department all accepted.
- (3) Voted to authorize firewards to take money from Fire Department appropriation to make a water hole near the Richard Upton residence in Chesham.
- (4) Voted that the firewards instruct the selectmen to take up to \$100.00 from the fire department appropriation to maintain, or improve, the present water holes.
- (5) Reports of Library Treasurer, Librarian and Old Home Day Committee accepted.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow money on credit of the Town in anticipation of taxes. Selectmen and Town Treasurer voted authority to borrow said money.

Article 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$452.70, if the state will contribute \$3,018.02 for T.R.A. work. Voted for T.R.A. \$452.70.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to turn over to the Capital Reserve Fund for the bridge at the Chesham Post Office the sum of \$1,480.80, voted in 1951 for the east side Silver Lake Road which sum has not been expended. Voted to accept Article 7 as written.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,269.20 to construct the Chesham Post Office Bridge and use the sum of \$3,480.80 in the Capital Reserve Fund for the Chesham Post Office Bridge. Voted to accept Article 8 as written.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote the three thousand dollars (\$3,000) received from the state of New Hampshire for reimbursement of flood damages, occasioned in 1950 toward the purchase of a combination bulldozer, loader and snowplow, the cost of which will not exceed thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500). Voted the \$3,000 as above mentioned.

- Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase a combination bulldozer, loader and snow-plow at a price not to exceed thirteen thousand, five hundred dollars (\$13,500) and to permit the selectmen to use the \$3,000 received from the state of New Hampshire for reimbursement of flood damage occasioned in 1950 and to borrow the sum of \$10,500 to be repaid in five yearly installments, the first installment being paid in 1953. Voted to accept Article 10 as written above.
- Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 to be used in cooperation with State and Federal Funds for the control of White Pine Blister Rust within the confines of the town. Voted to raise the \$400 for same.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to replace culverts and otherwise improve the Venable Road. Voted to raise the \$500 for culverts and improvement of the Venable road.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 to build a road to the cottages along the southwest side of Harrisville Pond, as laid out by the Selectmen in August 1952. Voted this article be laid on the table.
- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750 to be placed in a sinking fund for the replacement of the road equipment under provisions of the Capital Reserve Fund Act of 1943, Chap. 160, as amended. Voted to raise the \$750 for the sinking fund as above stated.
- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for repairs on the bridge southwest of the Vestry. Voted to raise the \$500 for bridge mentioned.
- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for improving the Grimes Hill Road. Motion passed in affirmative to raise this \$500.00.
- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease with Cheshire Mills for the coal sheds for the purpose of storing road machinery, at an annual rent of one dollar (\$1.00). Voted to adopt Article 17 as written.

- Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for painting the Harrisville Station, the sum of money to be announced by the Selectmen at the meeting. Voted to raise two hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$276.00) for painting the Harrisville Station.
- Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for five (5) street lights on Bemis Hill in Chesham. Voted that Article 19 be laid on the table.
- Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20 for a street light on a pole across from the Fire Station in Harrisville. Voted that Article 20 be laid upon the table.
- Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20 for a street light on a pole in front of the Allen Vincent residence. Voted to put Article 21 on the table.
- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the \$100 received from Margaret & Albert Upton for the care of their cemetery lot. Voted to accept the above \$100 for care of lot.
- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept the \$100 received from Chessie B. Foster for the care of the Carl H. Bemis cemetery lot. Voted to accept the above \$100 for care of lot.
- Article 24. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.
- (1) Voted to authorize the Selectmen to purchase land in East View from Floyd Keough to give the town an approach for gravel in the town gravel bank and to pay the sum of \$100 from the Highway appropriation.
 - (2) Motion to enter float in the Keene Bi-Centennial Parade laid upon the table.
 - (3) Voted that Selectmen post the notice for town meeting in 1954 in the Wells Memorial School in Chesham. Discussion as to a night or day meeting followed and a night meeting met with favorable response, but no vote was taken on that motion.
 - (4) Voted to put a resume of the 1953 Town Meeting in the next Town Report.

(5) Voted to add \$50 to the budget on officers' salaries for the purpose of collecting head taxes.

(6) Voted that selectmen get an estimate on the cost of printing the valuations of real estate in town for the town report and report at the next meeting.

2 p. m. Recessed Town Meeting for School Meeting.

3 p. m. Continued Town Meeting.

The following were elected to Town Offices: William P. House, Selectman for 3 years; Helen B. Thayer, Town Clerk for 1 year; Dorothy Luoma, Treasurer for 1 year; Arthur Wikman, Road Agent for 1 year; Ernest Chamberlain, Cemetery Agent for 1 year; Clarence Seaver, Constable for 1 year. All officers qualified at time or later and all officers notified and they signed the form under the Subversive Activities of 1951.

Beano —Yes 67—No 47.

4:00 p. m. Voted to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN B. THAYER, Town Clerk

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF HARRISVILLE, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
From State:			
Int. & Div. Tax	\$12,931 89	\$13,025 52	\$13,025 52
Railroad Tax		148 15	
Savings Bank Tax	138 67	181 20	181 20
(Flood Control)	47 28	47 28	47 28
Growing Wood and Timber	1,735 25	*1,735 25	1,735 25
For Fighting Forest Fires		335 24	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		125 00	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	150 00	211 10	150 00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees		22 50	
Int. Rec'd on Taxes and Deposits	150 00	138 58	100 00
Income from Trust Funds		117 02	

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
Income of Departments:			
(a) Highway, incl. rental of equipment	150 00	1,465 29	150 00
(b) Police department		50 00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,100 00	2,467 16	2,300 00
Sale of Town Property		26 00	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds		4,751 88	
Cash Surplus	444 32	444 32	-
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	400 00	408 00	400 00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	10 00	10 00	10 00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$18,257 41	\$25,709 49	\$18,099 25
Amt. to be raised by Prop. Taxes			\$53,027 33
TOTAL REVENUES			\$71,126 58
*Reimbursement from state	\$1,461 88		
Yield Taxes Assessed	273 37		
	\$1,735 25		

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Year 1954
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,550 00	\$1,496 75	\$1,550 00
Town Officers' Expenses	900 00	875 24	900 00
Election & Registration Expenses	100 00	68 84	150 00
Expenses Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	401 00	398 91	150 00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	200 00	253 09	200 00
Fire Department	2,100 00	2,000 03	2,100 00
Moth Exterm.	400 00	400 00	
Insurance	350 00	275 99	350 00
Health:			
Health Dept. Incl. Hospitals	250 00	239 47	250 00
Vital Statistics	20 00	15 00	20 00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	125 00	138 21	125 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—			
Summer	9,000 00	10,038 85	10,500 00
Winter	4,000 00	4,421 10	4,000 00
Street Lighting	1,500 00	1,623 36	1,600 00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	2,500 00	3,410 84	2,500 00
Town Road Aid	452 70	452 70	
Libraries	275 00	275 00	300 00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	1,000 00	1,260 27	1,100 00
Old Age Assistance	1,300 00	1,225 19	1,300 00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Year 1954
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day & Vet. As.	250 00		250 00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	550 00	700 59	600 00
Unclassified:			
Damages & Legal Exp., Incl. Dog Damage	50 00	40 35	50 00
Advertising & Regional As.	122 00	122 00	124 00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	500 00	515 76	500 00
On Long Term Notes and Bonds	100 00	134 66	300 00
Outlay for New Constr. and Perm. Improv.			
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Construction	1,500 00	1,674 98	
State Aid Construction— Town's Share	2,750 00	4,750 00	
New Equipment	2,125 00	13,040 86	
Indebtedness:			
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
(b) Long Term Notes	1,500 00	3,508 17	3,509 57
(c) Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	3,500 00	3,500 00	
(d) Deficit of Previous Year			2,385 91
Payments to Other Gov. Div.:			
County Taxes	3,657 10	3,657 10	3,657 10
School Taxes	28,195 20	28,150 78	32,655 00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$71,223 00	\$85,006 99	\$71,126 58

SUMMARY INVENTORY

Lands and buildings (exclusive of growing wood and timber)		\$907,385 00
Electric plants		117,399 00
Horses (11)		800 00
Cows (6)		1,200 00
Goats (6)		50 00
Fowls (3520)		4,200 00
Boats and launches		3,315 00
Gasoline pumps and tanks		505 00
Stock in trade		109,100 00
Mills and machinery		126,500 00
Poll taxes 227 at \$2.00	\$454 00	
National bank stock taxes	10 00	
Total Valuation		\$1,270,454 00

TOTAL VALUATION

(Exclusive of Veterans' Exemptions)

Total valuation	\$1,242,154 00
Amount of taxes committed to collector	48,940 90
Average rate of taxation for all purposes	3 94
Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans	28,300 00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
ASSESSED

Town officers' salaries	\$1,550 00
Town officers' expenses	900 00
Election and registration expenses	100 00
Town hall and other buildings	401 00
Police department	200 00
Fire department	2,100 00
Blister Rust—Moth Extermination	400 00
Health department	50 00
Town dump	125 00
Hospitals, clinics and health centers	200 00
Vital statistics	20 00
Town road aid	452 70
Town maintenance, summer	9,000 00
Town maintenance, winter	4,000 00
Venable road	500 00
Grimes' hill	500 00
Bridge at the vestry	500 00
General expenses of highway department	2,500 00
Workmen's Compensation insurance	350 00
Street lighting	1,500 00

New equipment	2,125 00
Libraries	275 00
Old age assistance	1,300 00
Town poor	1,000 00
Old Home Day	250 00
Cemeteries	550 00
Damages and legal expenses	50 00
Advertising and regional association	122 00
Interest	600 00
Payments on principal of debt (fire truck)	1,500 00
County tax	3,657 10
School tax	28,195 20
Capital Reserve Fund to be raised by taxation	2,019 20
Total town and school appropriations	<u>\$66,992 20</u>

LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS:

Interest and dividends tax	\$12,931 89	
Savings Bank tax	138 67	
Reimbursement a/c exemption of		
Growing Wood and Timber	1,735 25	
Motor vehicle permit fees	2,100 00	
Dog licenses	150 00	
Rent of town property and equipment	150 00	
Interest on taxes and income from Trust		
funds	150 00	
Cash surplus	444 32	
Total revenues and credits		<u>\$17,800 13</u>
		\$49,192 07
Plus overlay		<u>212 80</u>
Net amount to be raised by taxation		\$49,404 87
Less poll taxes	\$454 00	
Less National Bank stock taxes	10 00	
		<u>\$464 00</u>
Net amount to be raised by property taxes		\$48,940 87

TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR

Property taxes	\$48,940 90
Poll taxes at \$2.00	454 00
National Bank stock taxes	10 00
Total taxes committed	<u>\$49,404 90</u>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION	Liabilities Forwarded From 1952	Appropriations 1953	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1953	Unexpended Balances	Liabilities Forwarded to 1954
Town officers' salaries		\$1,550 00		\$1,550 00	\$1,496 75	\$53 25	
Town officers' expenses		900 00	\$3 45	903 45	875 24	28 21	
Election & Registration		100 00		100 00	68 84	31 16	
Town Hall & other buildings		401 00		401 00	398 91	2 09	
Police Department		200 00	50 00	250 00	253 09		\$3 09
Fire dept. & forest fires		2,100 00	335 24	2,435 24	2,000 03	435 21	
Blister rust & moth extern.		400 00	1 20	401 20	400 00	1 20	
Bounties					161 25		
Damages, legal & dog damages		50 00		50 00	40 35	9 65	
Health department		50 00		50 00	39 47	10 53	
Town dump		125 00		125 00	138 21		13 21
Vital statistics		20 00		20 00	15 00	5 00	
Hospitals, clinics & health cen.		200 00		200 00	200 00		
Town road aid		452 70		452 70	452 70		
Town maintenance: (summer and winter)		13,000 00	1,465 29	14,465 29	14,459 95	5 34	
Street lighting		1,500 00		1,500 00	1,623 36		123 36
General expenses highway dept.		2,500 00		2,500 00	3,410 84		910 84
Insurance, workmen's comp.		350 00		350 00	275 99	74 01	
Libraries		275 00		275 00	275 00		
Old age assistance		1,300 00	125 00	1,425 00	1,225 19	199 81	155 17
Town Poor		1,000 00	105 10	1,105 10	1,260 27		
Old Home Day		250 00		250 00		250 00	
Advertising & regional as.		122 00		122 00	122 00		
Cemeteries		550 00	117 02	667 02	700 59		33 57
Abatements & tax refunds— Overlay		260 08		260 08	42 20	217 88	

BALANCE SHEET

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of treasurer	\$13,763	50
Tax collector	31	14
Town clerk		52
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		\$13,795 16
Capital Reserve Fund (Contra)		1,500 00
Accounts due to town:		
Bounties due from State		61 25
Unredeemed taxes		31 38
Uncollected taxes		3,030 17
Uncollected State Head Taxes:		
Levy of 1951		5 00
Levy of 1953 (Contra)		195 00
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Total assets		\$18,617 96
Net Debt		7,802 01
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Grand Total		\$26,419 97

LIABILITIES

Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations:		
Town Construction—Bridge	\$500 00	\$500 00
2% of Head taxes and penalties due collector		14 66
Due to State of New Hampshire:		
State Head Taxes:		
Uncollected—Levy of 1951	5 00	
Collected—not remitted to State Treas. (Net)	*121 00	
Uncollected—Levy of 1953 (Contra)	195 00	
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Due to School District:		321 00
Balance of appropriation		14,542 05
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Fire truck		1,509 57
Hough payloador		8,032 69
Capital Reserve Fund		1,500 00
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Grand Total		\$26,419 97

*Includes \$5.50 Tax Collector's Cash on

Hand a/c 1953 State Head Taxes:

Surplus—Dec. 31, 1952	\$1,560 45
Net Debt—Dec. 31, 1953	7,802 01

Change in Financial Condition	\$9,362 46
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ANALYSIS OF CHANGE

Increase in Debt or Decrease in Surplus:

Long Term Note Issued	\$10,040 86
Net Budget Deficit	2,385 91
Cash Surplus Used to Re- duce 1953 Taxes	444 32
Excess Remittance a/c 1952 State Head Taxes	06
	<u>\$12,871 15</u>

Decrease in Debt or Increase in Surplus:

Long Term Notes Paid	\$3,508 17
Town Clerk's cash on hand	52
	<u>\$3,508 69</u>

Change in Financial Condition	\$9,362 46
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Libraries, land and buildings	\$2,000 00
Furniture and equipment	1,200 00
Police department, land and buildings	25 00
Equipment	150 00
Fire department, equipment	13,500 00
Highway department land and buildings	6,500 00
Equipment	22,000 00
Material and supplies	300 00
Schools, land and buildings	70,000 00
Equipment	3,000 00
All land and buildings acquired through tax collector's deed:	
Lellia Steven's land	150 00
Town dump land	300 00
Harrisville Association land	300 00
	<u>\$119,425 00</u>

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

from Jan. 1, 1953 to Jan. 1, 1954

9 auto permits 1952	\$16 97	
322 auto permits 1953	2,450 19	
	<hr/>	\$2,467 16
Dog taxes collected:		
2 dog licenses 1952	\$3 60	
85 dog licenses 1953	207 50	
	<hr/>	\$211 10
Filing fees 1953		\$18 00
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Total		\$2,696 26

Receipts Jan. 1, 1952 to Jan. 1, 1953

Paid to town treasurer:		
Car Registrations	\$2,467 16	
Dog licenses	211 10	
Filing fees	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,696 26

Jan. 15, 1954

HELEN B. THAYER

Town Clerk

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

LEVY OF 1953

Debits

	Total	Property Taxes	Poll Taxes	Interest
Taxes Committed to Collector:				
Prop. & poll taxes	\$49,394 90	\$48,940 90	\$454 00	
National Bank stock taxes	10 00			
Yield taxes	273 37			
Added prop. & poll taxes during 1953	37 70	19 70	18 00	
Int. collected during 1953	2 07			\$2 07
	<hr/> \$49,718 04	<hr/> \$48,960 60	<hr/> \$472 00	<hr/> \$2 07

Credits

Remittances to Treas.:				
a/c Prop. Polls & Interest	\$46,372 57	\$45,962 50	\$408 00	\$2 07
a/c National Bank stock taxes	10 00			
a/c Yield taxes	250 27			
Abatements allowed	(*)6 00		6 00	
Uncollected Taxes Dec. 31, 1953:				
Prop. & poll taxes	3,030 46	2,974 46	56 00	
Yield taxes	23 10			
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953	25 64	23 64	2 00	
	<hr/> \$49,718 04	<hr/> \$48,960 60	<hr/> \$472 00	<hr/> \$2 07
(*)Daisy Bassingthwaite, age exemption			\$2 00	
Frances O. Clark, veteran's exemption			2 00	
William Comstock, veteran's exemption			2 00	
			<hr/> \$6 00	

TAX LEVIES OF PRIOR YEARS
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

	Debits		Tax Levies of 1952	1949
	Total			
Uncollected taxes— Jan 1, 1953:				
Property taxes	\$4,009 91	\$4,009 91		
Poll taxes	36 00	34 00		\$2 00
Timber yield taxes	45 89	45 89		
Added poll taxes in 1953	4 00	4 00		
Interest collected in 1953	123 84	123 84		
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	\$4,219 64	\$4,217 64		\$2 00
 Credits				
Remittances to Treasurer:				
a/c Property taxes	\$3,973 71	\$3,973 71		
a/c Poll taxes	38 00	38 00		
a/c Timber yield taxes	24 00	24 00		
a/c Interest collected	123 84	123 84		
Abatements in 1953	(†) 36 20	36 20		
Uncollected taxes:				
Yield taxes	(*) 21 89	21 89		
Poll taxes	(**) 2 00			\$2 00
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	\$4,219 64	\$4,217 64		\$2 00
(†) Alfred E. Hayes, error in assessing		\$36 20		
(*) Frank Upton, Jr.		21 89		
(**) Marion Perham		2 00		

STATE HEAD TAX

Summary of Warrant

Levy of 1953

Debits	
State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Original Warrant	\$1,460 00
Supplemental Warrant	40 00
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Total Commitment	\$1,500 00
Penalties collected	11 00
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Total Debits	\$1,511 00

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head taxes	\$1,290 00	
Penalties	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,300 50
Abatements (*)		10 00
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1953		195 00
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953		5 50

Total Credits		\$1,511 00
(*)Daisy Bassingthwaite, age exemption	\$5 00	
Aloyous Ryan, deceased	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$10 00

Levy of 1952

Debits

Uncollected taxes, Jan. 1, 1953	\$120 00	
Added taxes during 1953	15 00	
Penalties collected		\$13 50

Total Debits		\$148 50
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Credits

Remittances to Treasurer During 1953:

a/c Head taxes	\$135 00	
a/c Penalties	13 50	

Total Credits		\$148 50
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STATEMENT OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS**Debits**

	Tax Levies of:	
	1952	1949
Unredeemed Taxes		\$23 40
Tax Sale of Sept. 26, 1953	\$35 71	
Interest Collected		6 11
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	\$35 71	\$29 51

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:

Redemptions	\$4 33	\$23 40
Interest		6 11
Unredeemed Taxes, Dec. 31, 1953 (*)	31 38	

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(*) Anderson, Arvi & Flora Ellen	\$35 71	\$29 51
Yont, Alonzo	\$26 81	
	4 57	
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	\$31 38	

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF DEC. 31, 1953

LEVY OF 1953

Resident	Property	Poll	Head Tax
Austin, Freda	\$47 28	\$2 00	\$5 00
Austin, Gladys		2 00	5 00
Anderson, Arvi & Flora Ellen	15 76	4 00	10 00
*Africano, Eugene	98 50		
Barcomb, William & Eva	59 10		
*Bemis, William F.	204 88	2 00	5 00
Bemis, William F.	39 40		
Bemis, Casper C.	39 40		
*Bemis, Irene		2 00	5 00
Blake, Eva J., Est.	78 80		
Chamberlain, Donald		2 00	
*Clark, Mary			5 00
*Clark, Ralph			5 00
Doore, Clarence & Frances	39 40	2 00	10 00
Elliot, Ralph		2 00	5 00
Elliot, Ruth		2 00	5 00
Fileault, Charlotte		2 00	5 00
Fileault, Eugene			5 00
Hodge, Harry	19 70		
Johnson, Dorothy		2 00	5 00
Johnson, Roy			5 00
Kivela, Oscar			5 00
*Keough, Peter			5 00
Lapointe, Charles & Norman Bemis	1 97		
Lapointe, Charles	1 97		
Mackey, Onni & Rena May	63 04	4 00	10 00
McClure, Margaret	70 92	2 00	5 00
*McDoughal, James		2 00	5 00
Parker, Francis	19 70	2 00	5 00
Parker, Helen		2 00	5 00
*Phillips, Raymond			5 00
*Phillips, Patricia			5 00
Seaver, Clarence B.	19 70	2 00	5 00
*Stewart, George			5 00
*Stewart, Sarah		2 00	5 00
Swasey, Charles	11 82		
Strout, Herbert			5 00
Strout, Lois		2 00	5 00
Silver Lake Tennis Ass'n	19 70		
Tarr, Wesley	19 70	2 00	5 00
VanZile, Edward	137 90		
Winn, Madyline	11 82		
Wheeler, Norman		2 00	5 00
Wheeler, Margaret		2 00	5 00

Gilman, Joseph		5 00
Gilman, Wanda	2 00	5 00
Demaret, Peter	2 00	5 00
Hartwell, Edith	2 00	5 00
Harlow, Sadie	2 00	5 00
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	\$1,020 46	\$56 00 \$195 00

Non-Resident:

Andreason, Lillie M., Lillian & Elizabeth Hussey	\$59 10
Bemis, Norman D.	39 40
Buffum, Warren D.	65 01
*Bradshaw, Polly	91 56
Cutler, Alyce L.	11 82
Clooney, Patrick & Shirley	39 40
Connor, William & Elizabeth	63 04
*Domina, Carl & Edith	43 34
Edwards, Kenneth	70 92
*Estes, Richard D.	35 46
*Fisher, Raymond J. & Edith B.	11 82
Harlow, Sadie	63 04
Hayes, Alfred & Ellen	7 88
Heald, Ralph E.	68 95
Kells, Jean C.	47 28
Lincoln, Leroy & Florence	39 40
McClaren, James E., Est.	4 73
Nicholson, Chester F. & Ann B.	66 98
Nichols, Elizabeth K.	7 88
Patterson, Raymond	7 88
Reynolds, Wesley G. & Ethel M.	17 73
Sauliner, Walter J.	23 64
Saunders, Vida M.	161 54
Seaver, Alfred Est.	15 76
Shortledge, R. J. & Helen	724 96
Yont, Alonzo	118 20
*State of New Hampshire	47 28
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	\$1,954 00

(*) Denotes payment between Jan. 1, 1954 and Feb. 1, 1954.

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1953, on account of the tax levy of 1953, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RALPH B. BÉMIS
Tax Collector

REPORT OF TREASURER

RECEIPTS

From Ralph B. Bemis, Tax Collector:	
1953 property taxes	\$45,962 50
1953 poll and head taxes	1,698 00
1952 property and poll taxes	4,146 71
Tax sales redeemed	33 84
Head tax penalties & interest received on taxes	156 47
National Bank stock taxes	10 00
From State of New Hampshire:	
1953 Flood controlled land taxes	47 28
Road toll refund	189 78
Fighting forest fires	161 98
Hedgehog bounties	10 50
Interest and dividends tax	13,025 52
Savings bank tax	181 20
Railroad tax	148 15
Old age assistance	125 00
Wood and timber	1,461 88
White Pine Blister Rust	1 20
From County:	
Board & care K. Chamberlain children	105 10
From Local Sources Except Taxes:	
Helen B. Thayer, Town Clerk:	
Dog licenses	211 10
Filing fees	18 00
1953 auto permit fees	2,467 16
From other sources:	
Sale of town property	27 80
Business licenses and permits	4 50
Timber yield tax	274 27
Rent of town property	1,497 22
Miscellaneous	120 22
Receipts other than current revenue:	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	20,000 00
Long term notes	10,040 86
Capital Reserve Fund (Chesham Bridge)	4,751 88
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953	18,255 92
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	\$125,134 04

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY E. LUOMA

Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From local taxes:

Property taxes for 1953	\$45,962 50	
Poll and head taxes 1953	1,698 00	
Property and poll taxes 1952	4,146 71	
Tax sales redeemed	33 84	
Head tax penalties & interest received on taxes	156 47	
National Bank Stock taxes	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$52,007 52

From State:

1953 Flood controlled lands	\$47 28	
Road toll refund	189 78	
Fighting forest fires	161 98	
Hedgehog bounties	10 50	
Interest & dividends tax	13,025 52	
Savings bank tax	181 20	
Railroad tax	148 15	
Old age assistance	125 00	
Wood and timber	1,461 88	
White Pine Blister Rust	1 20	
	<hr/>	\$15,352 49

From County:

Board & care K. Chamberlain children	\$105 10	\$105 10
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From local sources except taxes:

Dog licenses	\$211 10	
Filing fees	18 00	
1953 auto permit fees	2,467 16	
	<hr/>	\$2,696 26

From other local sources:

Sale of town property	\$27 80	
Business licenses and permits	4 50	
Timber yield tax	274 27	
Rent of town property	1,497 22	
Miscellaneous	120 22	
	<hr/>	\$1,924 01

Receipts other than current revenue:		
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$20,000 00	
Long term notes	10,040 86	
Capital Reserve Fund (Chesham Bridge)	4,751 88	
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		\$34,792 74
Total receipts from all sources		\$106,878 12
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953		18,255 92
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Grand total		\$125,134 04

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Jan.	1	Cash on hand	\$18,255 92	\$18,255 92
		Plowing Driveway:		
	9	Charles Saarion		5 00
		George P. Winn		5 00
		Charles Laine		5 00
		Edgar Seaver		5 00
		Edward Faulkner		5 00
		Charles Bergeron		5 00
	16	Arvo J. Luoma		5 00
		Maud A. Bemis		5 00
	23	Alex Bartashevich		5 00
		Patrick Frazier		5 00
		Edward N. Winn		5 00
		Myrtle Africano		5 00
		Axel Blomgren		5 00
		Estelle James		5 00
Feb.	2	State of N. H., hedgehog bounties		10 50
	6	State of N. H., road toll refund		6 53
		Helen B. Thayer, car registrations		200 00
	16	Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 poll taxes		8 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 property taxes		600 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 interest		1 56
Mar.	3	Helen B. Thayer, car registrations		350 00
		Helen B. Thayer, filing fees		9 00
	6	State of N. H., road toll refund		30 86
		Selectmen, pistol permit		50
	13	Selectmen, note		10,040 86
	27	Arthur Wikman, road service		2 00
	31	Helen B. Thayer, car registrations		800 00
		Helen B. Thayer, dog taxes, 1952		3 60
		Helen B. Thayer, filing fees		9 00

Apr.	3	State of N. H., road toll refund	14	30
	18	State of N. H., road toll refund	16	78
		Selectmen, pistol permit		50
	20	Selectmen, note	2,000	00
	21	Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 poll taxes	14	00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 head taxes	85	00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 property taxes	400	00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 interest	5	00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 head tax penalties	8	50
May	4	Selectmen note	1,000	00
	8	R. J. Shortlidge, highway dept.	8	00
	15	Helen B. Thayer, car registrations	200	00
		Helen B. Thayer, dog taxes	50	00
	16	Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	9	00
		Virginia T. Ferry, plowing driveway	5	00
		Selectmen, pistol permit		50
	23	Arthur W. Wikman, highway dept.	5	00
		J. M. Forbes & Co., plowing driveway	3	50-
		Wellington Wells, plowing driveway	5	00
		Ewen C. MacVeagh, plowing driveway	29	50
		Jerry Blanchard, highway dept.	14	00
		Alexander R. James, highway dept.	4	00
		State of N. H., road toll refund	20	20
	25	Selectmen, note	1,000	00
	29	Selectmen, pistol permit		50
		Worcester's Garage, highway dept.	21	00
		Harry Biscoe, cemetery lot	6	00
		Ray Tarbox, highway dept.	12	50
		Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	13	50
June	5	Francis Struthers, plowing driveway	5	50
	6	Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	28	00
	8	Selectmen, note	1,000	00
	9	Helen B. Thayer, car registrations	100	00
		Helen B. Thayer, dog taxes	25	00
	12	Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	11	50
		Selectmen, pistol permit		50
		Edward J. Gregoire, highway dept.	21	50
	15	Selectmen, note	4,000	00
	19	Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	36	50
		Robert A. Walker, highway dept.	16	00
		Ralph B. Bemis, highway dept.	6	00
		Edward J. Gregoire, highway dept.	3	50
		Eugene Belanger, highway dept.	16	50
	22	Selectmen, note	2,000	00
	26	Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	14	00
		Jerry Blanchard, highway dept.	48	00
		Philip Morris & Co., highway dept.	25	00
	29	Selectmen, note	4,000	00

July	6	State of N. H., highway dept.	15 30
		Selectmen, notes	1,500 00
	11	Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	33 00
	13	Selectmen, note	2,000 00
		Guy W. Thayer, Chesham bridge account	2,375 00
		Helen B. Thayer, car registrations	100 00
		Helen B. Thayer, dog taxes	100 00
		Selectmen, pistol permit	50
	17	Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	23 00
		Cora F. Sherwood, highway dept.	10 50
		Lura A. Wright, highway dept.	8 00
	18	Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	8 00
	20	Selectmen, note	1,000 00
		Selectmen, note	500 00
Aug.	25	Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	4 00
		Irene Bemis, highway dept.	4 00
		Town of Nelson, Barry White Barn fire	71 50
	1	Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	25 00
	6	State of N. H., interest and dividends tax	13,025 20
	8	Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	96 00
	10	Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 poll taxes	162 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 poll taxes	10 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 property taxes	1,590 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 National bank stock	10 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 interest	59 72
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 head tax penalties	3 00
	14	Helen B. Thayer, car registrations	200 00
	15	State of N. H., recovery of Old Age As.	125 00
Sept.		Rodger M. Tolman, highway dept.	22 00
	21	State of N. H., hauling gravel at Chesham bridge	72 00
		State of N. H., road toll refund	20 90
		Selectmen, pistol permit	50
	28	Selectmen, pistol permit	50
	4	State of N. H., state's share of posting fire bans	7 89
		State of N. H., road toll refund	16 10
		Cheshire County, board & care of Kenneth and Floyd Chamberlain	105 10
	7	Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 poll taxes	30 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 poll taxes	2 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 head taxes	100 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 head taxes	10 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 property taxes	3,300 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 property taxes	1,139 36
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 timber yield tax	24 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 interest	51 63
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 head tax penalties	1 00

	9	Helen B. Thayer, car registrations	100 00
		Guy W. Thayer, Chesham bridge acct.	2,376 88
	12	Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	4 00
		Alexander James, highway dept.	40 00
	19	State of N. H., road toll refund	12 83
	25	Frederick D. Davis, highway dept.	20 00
		Harrisville & Chesham Churches, highway dept.	10 50
Oct.	2	Arvo Luoma, highway dept.	20 00
	9	State of N. H., use of loader in Harrisville under T.R.A.	40 00
		State of N. H., Chesham bridge acct.	40 00
	10	Velma Fraser, lot in Island Cemetery	10 00
Oct.	15	Helen B. Thayer, car registrations	100 00
		Helen B. Thayer, dog taxes	23 60
	16	Selectmen, pistol permit	50
		William Head, telephone calls to Dublin	25
	24	Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	22 55
		Russell A. Morris, highway dept.	22 29
		Guy W. Thayer, highway dept.	7 00
		Charles O. Baird, plowing driveway	5 00
	28	Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 poll taxes	\$42 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 poll taxes	4 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 head taxes	155 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 head taxes	10 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 property taxes	10,700 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 property taxes	244 35
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 redemptions	4 33
		Ralph B. Bemis, previous years' redemptions	29 51
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 interest	12 49
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 head tax penalties	1 00
	30	Arthur W. Wikman, highway dept.	4 00
		Philip Morris & Co., highway dept.	36 75
Nov.	6	State of N. H., reimbursement for labor and equipment used on Grantham fire	154 09
		State of N. H., road toll refund	19 28
		Irene E. Bemis, highway dept.	8 25
		Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	20 00
	14	Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	26 00
	16	Helen B. Thayer, car registrations	225 00
		Helen B. Thayer, dog taxes	6 60
	20	John Gregoire, plowing driveway	5 00
		Agnes Steigman, plowing driveway	5 00
		The Assn. of Chesham, police services at Silver Lake	50 00
		School Dist. of Harrisville, tarring & patching school yard	72 77
		Andrew Elder, highway dept.	9 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, highway dept.	12 00

	27	William House, plowing driveway	5 00
		Arthur Wikman, highway dept.	28 00
Dec.	1	Ernest Chamberlain, ½ lot in Island cemetery	10 00
	4	State of N. H., road toll refund	16 70
		Town of Jaffrey, reimbursement from Mt. Monadnock fire	101 76
		Bernard F. Bemis, reimbursement for overpayment on town officers' bonds	3 20
	4	State of N. H., flood control lands	47 28
	4	Lawrence Rathburn, sale of C. L. ointment	1 80
	7	Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 poll taxes	140 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 head taxes	465 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 property taxes	29,800 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 timber yield tax	250 27
	11	State of N. H., refund on white pine blister rust fund	1 20
		Philip E. Morris, highway dept.	10 80
	18	State of N. H., Savings Bank tax	181 20
		State of N. H., Railroad tax	148 15
		State of N. H., reimbursement on loss of taxes on growing timber	1,461 88
		Alma Allen, plowing driveway	5 00
		Axel T. Blomgren, plowing driveway	5 00
		George P. Winn, plowing driveway	5 00
		Herman J. Thayer, plowing driveway	5 00
		John Marnell, plowing driveway	5 00
		R. L. Alexander, plowing driveway	5 00
		Maude Bemis, plowing driveway	5 00
	24	Alex Bartashevich, plowing driveway	5 00
		Charles Saarion, plowing driveway	5 00
		Ida Laine, plowing driveway	5 00
		Charles Colony, highway dept.	6 30
	30	Helen B. Thayer, car registrations	92 16
		Helen B. Thayer, dog taxes	2 30
		Arthur W. Wikman, highway dept.	4 00
		Guy W. Thayer, interest on trust funds	117 02
	31	Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 poll taxes	34 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 head taxes	105 00
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 property taxes	2,162 50
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 interest	2 07
		Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 head tax penalties	10 50
Total receipts from all sources			\$125,134 04

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General government:

1. Town officers' salaries	\$1,496 75	
2. Town officers' expenses	875 24	
3. Election and registration	68 84	
4. Town hall and other town bldgs.	398 91	
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		\$2,839 74

Protection of person and property:

5. Police department, including tramps	\$253 09	
6. Fire dept., including forest fires	2,000 03	
7. Blister rust & moth extermination	400 00	
8. Bounties	61 25	
9. Damage by dogs	10 25	
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		\$2,724 62

Health and sanitation:

10. Health department	\$39 47	
11. Town dump	138 21	
12. Vital statistics	15 00	
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		\$192 68

Highways and Bridges:

13. Summer maintenance	\$10,038 85	
14. Winter maintenance	4,421 10	
15. Street lighting	1,623 36	
16. General expenses of highway dept.	3,410 84	
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		\$19,494 15

Libraries:

17. Library	\$275 00	\$275 00
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Public Welfare:

18. Old age assistance	\$1,225 19	
19. Town poor	1,260 27	
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		\$2,485 46

Recreation:

20. Harrisville beach	\$54 50	\$54 50
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Public service enterprises:

21. Elliott Community Hospital	\$200 00	
22. Monadnock Region Assn.	122 00	
23. Cemeteries	700 59	
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		\$1,022 59

Unclassified:

24. Damages and legal expenses	\$30 10	
25. Taxes bought by town	35 71	
26. New trust funds	200 00	
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		\$265 81

Interest:

27. On temporary notes in anticipation of taxes	\$321 68	
On long term notes for fire truck	90 29	
On long term notes for payloador	238 45	
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		\$650 42

Outlay for new construction and
permanent improvements:

28. Town road aid	\$452 70	
29. State aid bridge near Chesham Post Office	4,750 00	
30. Venable road	505 44	
31. Jones road	1,119 87	
32. Workmen's compensation	275 99	
33. Grimes hill	544 32	
34. Survey of town property at Russell Reservoir	73 00	
35. New equipment	13,040 86	
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		\$20,762 18

Indebtedness:

36. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$20,000 00	
37. Payment on long term note for fire truck	1,500 00	
38. Payment on long term note for pay- loader	2,008 17	
39. Capital Reserve Fund on road equipment	750 00	
Capital Reserve Fund, Chesham bridge	2,750 00	
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		\$27,008 17

Payments to other governmental divisions:

40. County taxes	\$3,657 10	
41. State head taxes	1,787 34	
42. Payments to school district	28,150 78	
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		\$33,595 22

Total payments for all purposes	\$111,370 54
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953	13,763 50
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Grand Total	\$125,134 04
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Detail 1. Salaries:

J. Edward Mattila, selectman	\$325 77	
William P. House, selectman	146 00	
Harold W. Pope, selectman	187 50	
Dorothy E. Luoma, treasurer	125 00	
Ralph B. Bemis, tax collector	314 66	
Guy W. Thayer, treasurer of trustees of trust funds	10 00	
Helen B. Thayer, town clerk	288 62	
Director of Internal Revenue, with- holding taxes	83 00	
Treas. State of N. H., Social Security	16 20	
		\$1,496 75

Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses:

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., selectmen's tel.	\$90 91	
Association of N. H. Assessors, dues	3 00	
Chase's, supplies	67 81	
Guy W. Thayer, Christmas tree lights, flowers, honor roll	10 00	
Lawrence Rathburn, labor & materials	15 78	
Sentinel Printing Co., town reports	348 60	
State Tax Com., expense of audit	83 84	
Winfield M. Chaplin, transfer cards, tax sale, and list	17 40	
Peerless Casualty Co., bonds	72 00	
Ida M. Horner, Sec'y, tax collectors' dues	6 00	
Charles R. Hardy, treas., town clerks' dues	2 00	
Ralph B. Bemis, tax collector's exp.	30 77	
Helen B. Thayer, town clerk's exp.	11 74	
William P. House, mileage & supplies	13 65	
Harold W. Pope, expenses & supplies	3 12	
J. Edward Mattila, stamps, box rent, bulbs, & misc. supplies	23 64	
R. L. Alexander, printed & stamped envelopes	18 38	
Barton Insurance Agency, Insurance for library & furniture & Old Harrisville school	56 60	
		\$875 24

Detail 3. Election and registration:

Madyline Winn, supervisor's services	\$18 00	
Chase's, checklists	2 99	
John F. Priest, ballot clerk	5 00	
George P. Winn, ballot clerk	5 00	
George G. Mason, election officer	5 00	
Bernard F. Bemis, election officer	5 00	
Sentinel Printing Co., ballots	14 85	
Guy W. Thayer, supervisor services	5 00	
Ralph B. Bemis, moderator	5 00	
Elaine J. House, supervisor services	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$68 84

Detail 4. Town Hall and Other Buildings:

Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	\$119 35	
Steve Gibson, cleaning hall	3 00	
Arthur W. Wikman, kindling wood for library	2 25	
Wilfred Record, repairing & painting old R. R. station	250 00	
Edwin T. Heald, labor sawing wood for library	8 75	
Bernard Lavigne, labor on wood for library	5 00	
R. L. Alexander, treas., use of electric- ity for Chesham Christmas tree, lights	5 00	
Harold W. Pope, oil, glass & putty for old Harrisville school	5 56	
	<hr/>	\$398 91

Protection of Persons and Property:**Detail 5. Police Department, Including Tramps:**

Faulkner & Colony Mfg. Co., 2-.38 cal. revolvers, holsters & shells	\$75 00	
Clarence B. Seaver, Est., police services, mileage & expenses	42 22	
Justin B. Chamberlain, police services, mileage & expenses	83 69	
Edward Gregoire, police services & expenses	52 18	
	<hr/>	\$253 09

Detail 6. Fire Department Including Forest Fires:

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	\$64 20
R. G. Crowell, firemen's insurance	130 50
Baldwin's Electric, service call	1 50
Southwestern N. H. Trans. Co., freight charges	4 20
Southwestern N. H. Fire Mutual Aid, annual dues	5 00
A. W. Peters, 53 gals, gasoline	14 84
Henry T. Provost, Sec'y, firemen's dues	33 00
C. L. M. Co., Inc., 4 jars ointment	7 20
Joe's Service Station, battery Ford truck	25 45
Steve Gibson, cutting brush for fire hole	8 45
Forestry & Recreation Com., 6 hoes & 12 pails	13 81
Sterling Chamberlain, janitor services	44 00
Harold L. Dower, tetrachloride, battery and tire gauge	9 50
Gilman's Garage, Zerex, oil, state insp. Dodge truck	17 50
Huckins Oil Co., 774 gals. Range oil	124 86
John D. Smith, 552 gals. range oil	89 03
N. H. Fire & Equipment Co., 2-15 lb. extinguishers refilled	10 00
Lawrence Rathburn, repairs to stove	5 02
William Bemis, watch duty, Frazier fire	2 00
Archie Mason, watch duty, Frazier fire	2 00
Francis Parker, watch duty, Frazier fire	4 00
J. Edward Mattila, watch duty Frazier fire	2 00
Ralph B. Bemis, Frazier & Barry White fires	4 00
Ernest Chamberlain, Frazier, Barry White & Winn fires	10 49
Steve Gibson, Barry White fire	3 00
Leo P. Dion, Barry White fire	3 00
Warren Thayer, Barry White fire	2 25
Ray Phillips, Barry White fire	2 25
Sterling Chamberlain, Barry White fire	2 00
Ralph Clark, Mt. Monadnock & Barry White fire	27 79
Howard Lavigne, Mt. Monadnock, Grantham & Barry White fires	46 30

John Colburn, Mt. Monadnock fire	14	60	
Donald Cobleigh, Grantham fire	21	06	
Barnabas Quigley, Grantham fire	21	06	
Joseph St. Peter, Grantham fire	21	06	
Bernard Lavigne, Grantham fire	21	06	
James Lavigne, Grantham fire	21	06	
Leonder J. St. Peter, Mt. Monadnock, Grantham, dump fires, mileage, tel. calls, salary, fire prevention posters & issuing fire permits	94	71	
Orvel B. Peirce, chimney nozzle, oil, measure & tester	22	03	
American LaFrance Foamite Corp., nozzle tip holder	37	37	
Nason's Garage, chains, plyers, charger, oil, etc.	85	80	
James A. Coffin, battery, red light, nozzle, badges, etc.	103	73	
Hope Rubber Co., Inc., 500 ft. hose & raincoats	698	74	
Palmer Ins. Agency, Ins., Ford & Dodge trucks	51	60	
Harold W. Pope, gas, alcohol, batteries, bulbs, etc.	58	88	
James Sibley, dump fire	2	56	
William St. Peter, dump fire	2	52	
			\$2,000 03

Detail 7. Blister Rust and Moth Extermination:

Wm. H. Messick, Jr., State Forester	\$400 00	\$400 00
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Detail 8. Bounties:

J. Edward Mattila, hedgehog bounties	\$6 25	
Harold W. Pope, hedgehog bounties	55 00	
		\$61 25

Detail 9. Damage by Dogs:

Chase's, dog notice book & tags	\$10 25	\$10 25
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Health and Sanitation:

Detail 10. Health Department:

William F. Bemis, time, mileage, tel. calls, clothes & expenses as health officer	\$39 47	\$39 47
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Detail 11. Town Dump:

Arthur W. Wikman, labor	\$34 60	
Leo P. Dion, labor	37 45	
Walter Maki, labor	1 17	
Arnold A. Castle, labor & cutting trees	31 16	
Charles McDonald, labor & cutting trees	24 57	
Ralph E. Willard, Jr., labor	7 02	
John W. St. Peter, labor	2 34	
	<hr/>	\$138 21

Detail 12. Vital Statistics:

Helen B. Thayer, recording births, marriages & deaths	\$15 00	\$15 00
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Highways and Bridges:**Detail 13. Summer Maintenance:**

Arthur W. Wikman, for mileage, labor and men	\$5,310 50	
2522 gals. gasoline	614 94	
Materials	1,684 65	
Director of Internal Revenue, income tax withheld on wages	969 00	
Treas. State of N. H. Social Security	228 50	
Trucking	1,231 26	
	<hr/>	\$10,038 85

Detail 14. Winter Maintenance:

Arthur W. Wikman, for mileage, labor and men	\$3,309 53	
1644 gals. gasoline	392 16	
Materials	109 48	
Director of Internal Revenue, income tax withheld on wages	364 30	
Treas. State of N. H. Social Security	93 33	
Trucking	152 30	
	<hr/>	\$4,421 10

Detail 15. Street Lighting:

Public Service Co. of N. H., street lights	\$1,623 36	\$1,623 36
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Detail 16. General Expenses of Highway Dept.:

J. C. Perry & Co., grates & linings for stove	\$11 00
Sunshine Stores, Inc., 11 ton salt	258 00

H. L. Holden Co. Inc., repairs to sander	22 07
Monadnock Lumber Co., lumber for signs	4 15
F. C. Mercer & Co., generator pulley for truck	1 90
Northeastern Petroleum Co. Inc., roller grease	55 30
Cheshire Mills, fees for lease of coal sheds	5 00
Floyd D. Keough, purchase of land	100 00
Sargent Motors, Inc., spring leaves	8 10
Gale E. Hill, steel for grader	13 92
A. W. Peters, drum of oil, grease, per-mozone	130 92
Frank Upton, Jr., sawing lumber	12 90
Arthur Whitcomb, Inc., 4½ yds. cement	68 85
Peterborough Hardware Co., snow fence wire	3 65
Sears, Roebuck & Co., battery R-2 tractor	19 95
Richard's Garage, repairs to radiator and axles	55 29
Treas. State of N. H., bridge load signs	12 00
Hafeli Fuel & Ice Co., 3670 lbs. coal	48 17
Sim's Press, Inc., 2 pads payroll sheets and ptgse.	6 31
N. H. Explosives & Mach. Co., parts & labor hyd. unit	37 03
Spencer Hardware Co., 5 gals. paint & chamois	29 04
Fitch Motor Co. of Keene, spring leaves, bolts & parts	40 58
Sanel Auto parts of Keene, repairs hyd. jack & tire gauge	14 00
Casellini-Venable Corp. of N. H., spring, pins, bushings, track & other parts R-2 tractor	113 03
Worcester's Garage, fan belt, wiper, tube & tire change	28 01
Johnson's Motor Parts Inc., plugs, grease gun & fittings, labor truck & tractor	24 33
W. H. Plimpton, material, welding plow	16 14
Fox Auto Parts, parts for grease gun & glass	27 77
Keene Mfg. Co., material, welding grousers, plow & grader	298 49
Keene Oil Co., 1 case oil	5 99
Wyman's Inc., 1-8.25x20 tire	61 25
Nils A. Hanson, repair chains	10 20
Palmer Ins. Agency, Ins. on fire station, contents & tractors	57 30

Clukay's Garage, labor on rear end, trans., clutch, brakes, battery, insp. & other parts, grader & maintainer & tube & axles	809	24	
F. C. Mercer & Co., drop link, & channel for glass	14	42	
Clark Ins. Agency, Ins. on truck & payloader	165	76	
Grange Mutual Fire Ins. Co., Ins. on tool house	24	80	
Prison Industries, R C Pipe	66	00	
Southwestern N. H. Trans. Co., freight charges	7	06	
Arthur Wikman, ptgse., bolts, freight chgs., etc.	7	78	
Knowlton & Stone Co., bolts, chain links, spikes, etc.	19	73	
Monadnock Garage, axles & labor	30	02	
Tommila Bros., 3992 ft. bridge planks	319	26	
R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., filters, tube, hose, & seals for payloader & parts grader	205	68	
Harold W. Pope, roofing paper, batteries & bulbs, etc.	37	37	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange Inc., scythe, snath, roofing cement & pap.	9	30	
Grant Motor Sales Inc., 5-8.25x20 recaps	93	78	
			\$3,410 84

Libraries:**Detail 17. Libraries:**

Guy W. Thayer, treas.	\$275 00	\$275 00
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Public Welfare:**Detail 18. Old Age Assistance:**

State of N. H., town's share of old age assistance	\$1,225 19	\$1,225 19
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Detail 19. Town Poor:

County of Cheshire, care of Mrs. Eva Dion	\$746 04	
Metropolitan Life Ins. Co., Ins. Mrs. Eva Dion	74 00	
Harold W. Pope, groceries Anderson fam.	265 97	

Ralph Winham, time & mileage com- mitting A. Anderson to hospital	48 20	
Wm. F. Bemis, clothes & expenses A. Anderson	20 96	
Mrs. Harry Capen, board & care K. Chamberlain children	105 10	
	<hr/>	\$1,260 27

Recreation:**Detail 20. Harrisville Beach:**

State of N. H., \$25 fine sign	\$3 50	
Arthur W. Wikman, labor	27 00	
Leo P. Dion, labor	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$54 50

Public Service Enterprises:**Detail 21. Elliot Community Hospital:**

Elliot Com. Hospital, aid towards deficit	\$200 00	\$200 00
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Detail 22. Monadnock Region Assn.:

Monadnock Region Assn., town's share of dues	\$122 00	\$122 00
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Detail 23. Cemeteries:

Ernest Chamberlain, agent, labor & material	\$327 00	
William F. Bemis, labor	355 00	
Clarence Doore, new cemetery maps	18 00	
Harold W. Pope, padlock	59	
	<hr/>	\$700 59

Unclassified:**Detail 24. Damages and Legal Expenses:**

Howard B. Lane, counsel	\$30 10	\$30 10
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Detail 25. Taxes Bought by Town:

Ralph B. Bemis, tax collector	\$35 71	\$35 71
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Detail 26. New Trust Funds:

Guy W. Thayer, treas.	\$200 00	\$200 00
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Interest:**Detail 27. Interest on Temporary and Term Notes:**

Ashuelot-Citizens Nat'l Bank, interest on temporary notes	\$321 68	
Ashuelot-Citizens Nat'l Bank, interest on long term notes on fire truck	90 29	

Ashuelot-Citizens Nat'l Bank, interest on long term notes on payloader	238 45	
		\$650 42

New Construction and Improvements:**Detail 28. Town Road Aid:**

Treas. State of N. H., town's share T.R.A.	\$452 70	\$452 70
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Detail 29. State Bridge Aid:

Treas. State of N. H., town's share for bridge at Chesham	\$4,750 00	\$4,750 00
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Detail 30. Venable Road:

Arthur W. Wikman, labor & men	\$211 31	
Materials	13 78	
Trucking, grader & bulldozing	280 35	
		\$505 44

Detail 31. Jones Road:

Arthur W. Wikman, labor & men	\$287 13	
Materials	584 74	
Trucking & grader	248 00	
		\$1,119 87

Detail 32. Workmen's Compensation Ins.:

Peerless Casualty Co., ins. on highway help	\$275 99	\$275 99
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Detail 33. Grimes Hill:

Arthur W. Wikman, labor & men	\$170 07	
Leonder St. Peter, labor John Grimes house roof	2 50	
Trucking & grader	371 75	
		\$544 32

Detail 34. Survey of Russell Reservoir Property:

Heman Chase, services of surveyor	\$73 00	\$73 00
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Detail 35. New Equipment:

R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., Hough pay- loader	\$13,040 86	\$13,040 86
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Indebtedness:**Detail 36. Payments on Temporary Loans:**

Ashuelot-Citizen's Nat'l Bank, payment on temporary notes	\$20,000 00	\$20,000 00
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Detail 37. Payment on Fire Truck:

Ashuelot-Citizens Nat'l Bank, payment on fire truck loan	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00
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Detail 38. Payment on Highway Payloader:

Ashuelot-Citizen's Nat'l Bank, payment on Hough payloader loan	\$2,008 17	\$2,008 17
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Detail 39. Capital Reserve Fund:

Guy W. Thayer, Treas.:		
Sinking fund on road equipment	\$750 00	
Sinking Fund on Chesham bridge	2,750 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,500 00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:**Detail 40. County Taxes:**

Stafford M. Boardman, Treas., county treasurer county taxes	\$3,657 10	\$3,657 10
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Detail 41. Head Taxes:

Treas. State of N. H., state head taxes	\$1,787 34	\$1,787 34
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Detail 42. Payments to School District:

Ralph B. Bemis, school treas. protem., part of 1953-53 appropriation	\$4,500 00	
Virginia T. Bates, school treas., balance of 1952-53 appropriation	9,997 63	
Virginia T. Bates, school treasurer, part of 1953-54 appropriation	13,653 15	
	<hr/>	\$28,150 78

Total payments for all purposes	\$111,370 54
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953	13,763 50

Grand Total	<hr/> \$125,134 04
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J. EDWARD MATTILA
WILLIAM P. HOUSE
HAROLD W. POPE
Selectmen of Harrisville

DOROTHY E. LUOMA
Treasurer

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

Even though we had an extremely wet spring, there was very little water damage. Minor wash-outs occurred on the Long Pond road where the culvert is not adequate.

Most of our back roads are too narrow and improperly graded which makes for difficult maintenance. Then too, many of our roads are down to rock bottom due to the fact that the gravel we were able to get on them was used up faster than we were able to replace it by the increasingly heavy traffic they have had to bear.

With the purchase of the Hough payloader last year, we have been able to slow this process down quite a bit, but there are still many roads that will be bad come spring time with frost heaves.

Our town truck is too light and small for the heavy work it has been called on to do and, with all the repairs, has proved to be a very expensive piece of equipment.

There is another problem that we have to think about and that is the possibility of running out of a good grade of gravel in the foreseeable future. In view of this, it is suggested that each year we widen a part of our road system, installing proper drainage and finishing the following year.

This idea has been followed on the Grimes Hill road and the Venable road extension, as far as the money appropriated would allow. However, both these roads need gravel and should have it this year so they won't back-slide again.

A section of T.R.A. should be tarred each year so that gradually we will gain permanent improvements in our roads, thereby cutting down the need for so much gravel each year.

With the very dry summer we had, our obsolete grader was of little use and we had to hire a heavier grader. Calcium chloride was very helpful and was used generously.

The progress we have made in the past year would not have been possible without the cooperation of the people, the Selectmen and the men working with me.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. WIKMAN

Road Agent

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF HARRISVILLE ON DECEMBER 31, 1953

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUNDS PURPOSE OF TRUST FUNDS	HOW INVESTED	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year Percent	Income During Year Amount	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
5/14/1912	Cemetery Care:	U. S. Bonds	\$25 00		\$25 00	\$3 53	2 1/2	\$ 62	\$ 62	\$3 53
1/ 3/1913	Fanny Goodnow	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	3 29	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	3 29
2/26/1915	J. C. Bancroft	U. S. Bonds	50 00		50 00	2 17	2 1/2	1 25	1 25	2 17
4/17/1917	John Rutherford	U. S. Bonds	200 00		200 00	5 58	2 1/2	5 00	5 00	5 58
1/11/1918	Eva Marshall	U. S. Bonds	150 00		150 00	3 93	2 1/2	3 75	3 75	3 93
8/21/1921	Winslow Royce	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	1 25	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	1 25
5/18/1923	Tuffs-Tuttle	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	2 29	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	2 29
8/16/1924	Jas. E. Ruffles	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	3 29	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	3 29
12/ 5/1928	Silas Atwood	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	5 79	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	5 79
5/13/1929	D. & C. C. Farwell	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	3 29	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	3 29
8/ 3/1929	M. W. Harris	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	3 29	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	3 29
8/13/1929	J. K. Russell	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	3 29	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	3 29
1/ 4/1930	Hugh Varner	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	3 29	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	3 29
7/25/1930	Wright Bailey	U. S. Bonds	150 00		150 00	3 93	2 1/2	3 75	3 75	3 93
7/ 1/1932	C. S. Yardley	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	3 29	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	3 29
3/18/1933	H. M. Hutchinson	U. S. Bonds	225 00		225 00	5 31	2 1/2	5 63	5 63	5 31
1/ 1/1934	A. S. and A. Hutchinson	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	3 29	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	3 29
4/ 6/1935	John McWilliams	U. S. Bonds	200 00		200 00	5 58	2 1/2	5 00	5 00	5 58
4/ 4/1938	Richard Roubold	U. S. Bonds	150 00		150 00	3 29	2 1/2	3 75	3 75	3 93
4/ 8/1938	Frances E. Hardy	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	3 29	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	3 29
10/18/1938	Lillian and Henry Miller	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	3 29	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	3 29
4/ 2/1940	Heath	U. S. Bonds	150 00		150 00	3 93	2 1/2	3 75	3 75	3 93
6/30/1942	Albert and Jennie Knowlton	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	3 29	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	3 29
11/30/1942	C. Albert Seaver	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	5 79	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	5 79
11/23/1943	Henry C. Farwell	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	2 49	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	2 49
2/24/1944	David C. Willard	U. S. Bonds	50 00		50 00	3 90	2 1/2	1 25	1 25	2 90
5/20/1944	W. W. Lampman	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	2 75	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	3 75
1/ 5/1945	Caroline C. Brooks	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	1 25	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	1 25
5/21/1945	Howe	U. S. Bonds	50 00		50 00	1 25	2 1/2	1 25	1 25	2 88
12/31/1948	White-Ball	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	3 75	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	3 75
3/13/1951	Percy W. Russell	U. S. Bonds	200 00		200 00	5 00	2 1/2	5 00	5 00	5 00
3/13/1951	M. Derby and John Stewart	U. S. Bonds	200 00		200 00	5 00	2 1/2	5 00	5 00	5 00
3/13/1951	Albert and Emma Russell	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	2 50	2 1/2	2 50	2 50	2 50
	Schools and Ministerial	N. H. Savings Bank	1,300 00		1,300 00		3	40 20	40 20	

Cemetery Care:

2/26/1915	John Rutherford	Cheshire Co. Sav. Bk.	14 00		14 00	60	3	42	42	60
2/25/1946	Sillampaa-Ranta	U. S. Bonds	100 00		100 00	3 08	3	3 11	3 11	3 08
4/28/1947	Harris-Willard	U. S. Bonds	200 00		200 00	16 62	3	6 53	6 53	16 62
9/ 3/1947	Elwyn Seaver	U. S. Bonds	150 00		150 00	11 12	3	4 87	4 87	11 12
5/19/1949	Forest LaPointe	U. S. Bonds	150 00		150 00	2 05	3	4 69	4 69	2 05
12/15/1952	Town of Harrisville, Sinking Fund	U. S. Bonds	750 00		750 00		3	16 33	16 33	16 33
5/ 1/1953	Albert and Margaret Upton	U. S. Bonds		750 00	1,500 00		3	1 25	1 25	
5/ 1/1953	Carl Bemis	U. S. Bonds		100 00	100 00		3	1 25	1 25	
	Totals		\$6,564 00	\$950 00	\$7,514 00	\$139 99		\$173 55	\$157 22	\$156 32

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

GUY W. THAYER

JOHN N. CLARK

JOHN J. COLONY, Jr.

Trustees

Date Jan. 28, 1954.

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire

January 20, 1954

Board of Selectmen
Harrisville, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Harrisville for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer and Trustees of Trust Funds.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets: Dec. 31, 1952-Dec. 31, 1953: (Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein, the financial condition of the Town changed from a Surplus of \$1,560.45 to a Net Debt of \$7,802.01 during the year 1953.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit B)

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit B, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Decrease in Surplus (Increase in Debt)

Long Term Notes Issued	\$10,040 86	
Net Budget Deficit	2,385 91	
Cash Surplus Used to reduce 1953 Tax Levy	444 32	
Excess Remittance a/c 1952 State Head Taxes	66	
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		\$12,871 15

Increase in Surplus (Decrease in Debt)

Long Term Notes Paid	\$3,508 17	
Town Clerk's Cash on Hand	52	
	<hr/>	\$3,508 69
Change in Financial Condition		<hr/> \$9,362 46

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits C & D)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit D), a net overdraft of appropriations of \$3,096.01, less a net revenue surplus of \$710.10, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$2,385.91.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit E)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit E. Proof of the Treasurer's balance, as of December 31, 1953, is indicated in Exhibit F.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Collector's records.

GENERAL COMMENTS**Surety Bond of Town Treasurer:**

The surety bond of the Town Treasurer was written for \$4,000.00 in 1953. Inasmuch as the funds handled by the Treasurer in 1953 totalled \$125,000.00, it is recommended that the surety bond be increased to \$8,000.00, in 1954, in order that the amount of the bond be more proportionate to the amount of funds which the Treasurer handles.

Conclusion:

The accounts and records of all town officials which we examined were found in good condition and the accounting procedure conformed to the uniform system prescribed by this Division.

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual town report.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Harrisville for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER

Director

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

ALAN R. MATTHEWS, Auditor

EDGAR O. PESQUERA, Accountant

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

January 20, 1954

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Harrisville for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953, and found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town on December 31, 1953, and the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER

Director

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

ALAN R. MATTHEWS, Auditor

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REPORT OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 1953
Station No. 2 Chesham

CHIEF, LAWRENCE W. RATHBURN

1-1935 Ford V-8 truck and 200 gal. pumper.
1-108 gal. booster tank and other necessary equipment.

Respectfully submitted,
LAWRENCE W. RATHBURN
Chief of Harrisville Fire Dept.
JUSTIN CHAMBERLAIN
Deputy Chief of Station No. 2

REPORT OF STATION NO. 1 HARRISVILLE

1-1950 Dodge 2 ton truck
1-300 booster tank and other necessary equipment.

Number of fires for the year 1953.

- 2 chimney fires
- 1 House fire
- 1 Garage and car fire

I wish to thank the Firemen and all who helped, to extinguish these fires.

Respectfully submitted,
LAWRENCE W. RATHBURN
Chief of Fire Department

REPORT OF HARRISVILLE
FOREST FIRE EQUIPMENT 1953

1. 1929 Ford Model A one ton truck.
2. Pacific Marine 1½ in. fitting with carrier.
3. 5 gal. knapsack tank.
4. 10 ft. 1½ in. suction hose.
5. 2 grub hoes.
6. One pick.
7. Forest Fire axes.
8. Round point short long handle shovels.
9. 27 Indian back pumps.
10. 6 lanterns.
11. 6 poles axes.

12. One cross cut saw.
13. One set of tire chains.
14. One spare 50 gal. barrel white gas.
15. One 5 gal. oil can with 5 gal. of No. 30 oil.
16. 1000 ft. of 1½ in. hose (single and double jacket).
17. 3 sets of spark plugs for small pump.
18. 1½ in. Siamese.
19. 12 rakes, mowing machine type.
20. 6 in. spot light on truck.
21. one small siren on truck.
22. 2-10 ft. of 1½ in. hoses.
23. 4 flash lights (for use on head).
24. 12 water pails.
25. One first aid kit.

To all those bringing rubbish to the town dump, please do not light or cause a fire at the dump. The fire department was called out three times for the year of 1953 on account of some one's starting a fire. This is a great expense to tax payers.

There should have been a fire permit obtained before starting a fire from your Forest Fire Warden, and the Town of Harrisville being one of few towns where there is a 24 hour service, now if there is no one at home (Wardens), a permit can be obtained at Cheshire Mill, where the warden is employed. The warden can be reached in either of these places anytime, day or night.

Fire Report for 1953

3 Dump fires

Twice that the Fire Department men were called out of town. There were 149 fire permits issued for the year 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONDER J. ST. PETER

State Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Jan. 1, '53. Cash on hand	\$2 17
Jan. 1, '53. Balance in bank	46 91
April 17, '53. Town appropriation	25 00
May 22, '53. Town appropriation	75 00
Oct. 2, '53. Town appropriation	125 00
Total	\$324 08

EXPENDITURES

Magazines	\$44 25
Books	44 49
World Book Encyclopedia	60 00
Librarian's salary	104 00
Janitor's services	41 00
Supplies	1 24
Checks	1 50
Cleaning library	14 00
Cleaning flag	1 00
P. M. O. Fees	45
Postage	51
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Total	\$312 44
Balance in bank	11 17
Cash on hand	47
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Total	\$324 08

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The summer months in the library were busier than usual this last year, and we were pleased to welcome any new borrowers among our summer residents. Very encouraging remarks were made to the librarian concerning the type of books chosen for so small a library and also on the general appearance of the book shelves.

The students use the local facilities more and more for book reports, essays and debates. The new World Book Encyclopedias have served both High School students and Wells Memorial boys and girls. Historical novels, plays, poetry and non-fiction have been in demand and we try to buy what will be of use in their work.

Our circulation for 1953 has been: non-fiction 514, Fiction 520 and juvenile 437. We have added 36 new books and received gifts of books from Mrs. John Colburn, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. John Silk, Mr. Harold Pope and the Dublin Public Library. We thank each one of these for remembering us and again we extend an invitation to you to visit the library and borrow books. The State Bookmobile stops here once in six weeks and leaves us a good assortment of reading. If you are looking for a particular book to read, we may be able to get it for you.

Signed,

HELEN B. THAYER

Librarian

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

**To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of
Harrisville qualified to vote in district affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wells Memorial School in said district on the 9th day of March, 1954 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated income and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see whether the district would desire to hold the annual school district meeting on an evening date prior to the annual town meeting.
10. To see if the district will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450) as an additional appropriation to be made available prior to June 30, 1954; to meet

costs of grading and fill for the playground and additional costs of teachers retirement as set by revised state law.

11. To see if the district will raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900) for the purchase and installation of a 5,500 gallon oil storage tank at the school.

12. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for payment of additional costs of light, heat and janitor service, so that public groups may use the building at no charge; or to make any recommendations relative to after school use of the building.

Given under our hands at said Harrisville this first day of February 1954.

MARJORIE COLONY, Chairman
WILLIAM BEMIS
FREDERICK DAVIS
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

MARJORIE COLONY, Chairman
WILLIAM BEMIS
FREDERICK DAVIS
School Board

MINUTES SCHOOL MEETING, MARCH 10, 1953
OPENED AT 10:00 O'CLOCK A. M.

Moderator, Guy Thayer, read the warrant. The Town election officers also served for the school.

The first four articles: To choose a Moderator, Clerk, Member of School Board for three years, and a Treasurer started and continued by Australian Ballot until the close of the meeting.

Article 4, last part. Mr. Parker made the motion to instruct the clerk to cast one ballot for Virginia Bates to be treasurer of the school district for the balance of the present year. The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 5. Mr. Lavigne made the motion to pay the Chairman of the School Board \$75.00 and the Treasurer \$75.00. Motion was seconded and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 6. It was voted to accept and adopt the following reports:

Financial Report on page 69.

Superintendent's Report on page 74.

Report of the Music Supervisor on page 75.

Annual Health Report on page 75.

School Census Report on page 76.

Article 7. Nothing was done.

Next: Motion was made to pass on to Article 9 then return to Article 8. Motion carried.

Article 9. Motion was made and seconded to print a summary of the minutes of this meeting and succeeding meetings in the school report, until rescinded. The vote was in the affirmative.

Mr. Parker made the proposal for consideration that the school budget be presented similar to that proposed for town expenditures. Thus: Item—Appropriation previous year.

Actual expenditures previous year.

Estimated expenditures ensuing year.

Those present were in favor of this proposal.

Mr. Doore explained there would undoubtedly be a \$500.00 balance this year beyond the estimated budget. If we buy a 5000 gal. oil tank there will be a 5¢ saving per gal. of oil. The tank may cost a little more than \$500.

Motion was made to buy the larger oil tank (5000 gal.) from available funds not yet appropriated. Vote was in the affirmative.

Mr. Doore made a resolution that the School District express its gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. Bertha Bemis for the long years of service she gave as Treasurer of the School District. The Clerk was to send a letter expressing this gratitude and appreciation. The vote was unanimous and in the affirmative. A rising vote of thanks was given for Mrs. Bemis.

Article 8. Mr. Doore moved that the school district raise and appropriate \$28,525.20 and to authorize and direct the school board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the school board exclusive of state aid, and upon the determination of the amount of state aid to be received by the school district during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the school board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from state aid and with the school district clerk certify to the selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

The vote was in the affirmative.

At 3:10 p. m. all had voted who wished. The motion was then made to close the school polls. Vote was in the affirmative.

148 votes were cast thusly:

For Moderator:	Leon Dion	1
	Ralph Bemis	1
	Guy Thayer	16
	Casper C. Bemis	113
For District Clerk:	Helen H. Spaulding	132
For District Treasurer:	Virginia T. Bates	127
For Member of School Board for 3 years:	V. T. Bates	1
	F. Edson Sundstrom	65
	Frederick D. Davis	73

The results were announced at 4:05 p. m. and oaths were taken.

Meeting adjourned.

Attest: HELEN H. SPAULDING
Clerk

HARRISVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTORY

1953-54

School Board	Term Expires
Marjorie Colony, chairman	March 1954
William Bemis	March 1955
Frederick Davis	March 1956
Dr. Charles L. Bowlby, Supt.	
School Staff:	
Mrs. Stella Eaton	Art
Mrs. Gladys Libby	Grades 1, 2
Mrs. Cecil Nash	Cafeteria Mgr.
Dr. Samuel Paul	School Physician
Mrs. Elva Rawding	Special reading
Mrs. Marian Sabin	Grades 3, 4, 5
Mr. Curtis Silver	Custodian
Mrs. Marion Warner	Nurse
Mrs. Azalea Wilson	Music
Mr. Richard Wyman	Principal, grades 6, 7, 8

District Officers:	
Mrs. Helen Spaulding	Clerk
Mrs. Virginia Bates	Treasurer

**COMPARATIVE BUDGETS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
HARRISVILLE, N. H., 1953-54-55**

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Expenditures	Expenditures 1952-53	Estimated Expenditures 1953-54	Adopted Budget 1954-55
Administration:			
Salaries of district officers	\$272 59	\$295 00	\$295 00
Supt.'s salary (local share)	464 63	512 20	540 00
Tax for state wide supervision	168 00	148 00	170 00
Salaries of other adm. personnel	183 00	224 52	208 00
Supplies and expenses	271 70	250 00	250 00
Instruction:			
Elementary teachers' & principals' salaries	9,097 20	9,855 00	10,370 00
Books & other instructional aids, elem.	287 20	200 00	200 00
Scholars' supplies, elem.	452 03	550 00	550 00
Supplies and other expenses, elem.	111 89	125 00	125 00
Operation of School Plant:			
Salaries of janitors, elem.	1,586 06	1,900 00	2,000 00
Fuel or heat, elem.	932 12	900 00	900 00
Water, lights, supplies & expenses, elem.	830 84	800 00	800 00
Maintenance of School Plant:			
Repairs and replacements, elem.	65 74	100 00	75 00
Auxiliary Activities:			
Health supervision, elem.	233 85	250 00	275 00
Transportation, high	1,755 00	1,600 00	1,600 00
Transportation, elem.	2,044 72	3,032 00	3,200 00
Tuition, high	4,125 00	5,077 00	6,992 00
Special activities & special funds, elem.	400 38	400 00	100 00
School lunch, elem.			
(federal and dist. funds only)	801 60	600 00	700 00
Fixed Charges:			
Retirement, elem.	487 74	675 00	742 00
Insurance, treas. bonds; expenses high soc. sec.	27 45	25 00	
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses, elem.	353 40	353 00	353 00
Total Current Expenses	\$24,992 14	\$27,871 72	\$30,445 00
Expenditures	Expenditures 1952-53	Estimated Expenditures 1953-54	Adopted Budget 1954-55
Capital Outlay:			
Lands and new buildings, elem.			\$300 00
Additions and improvements, elem.	\$387 72	\$400 00	
New equipment, elem.	289 89	130 00	100 00
Debt and Interest:			
Principal of debt			1,600 00
Interest on debt	780 36	630 00	530 00
Balance (actual or estimated)	64 12		
Total	\$26,514 23	\$29,031 72	\$32,975 00

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Receipts	Receipts	Estimated	Adopted
	1952-53	Receipts	Budget
		1953-54	1954-55
Elementary School Tuition		\$300 00	\$300 00
Trust Funds		20 00	20 00
Total receipts other than property taxes		\$320 00	\$320 00
District Assessment		28,195 20	32,655 00
Estimated Total 1952-53 Receipts		\$28,515 20	

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE HARRISVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1952

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

CHARLES L. BOWLBY
Superintendent

MARJORIE P. COLONY
FREDERICK D. DAVIS
WILLIAM F. BEMIS
School Board

RECEIPTS

Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch	\$501 60
Local Taxation:	
Current Appropriation	\$22,650 78
Other Sources:	
Elementary School Tuition	\$1,443 50
Trust Funds	30 03
Other	383 40
	\$1,856 93
Total Receipts From All Sources	\$25,009 31
Balance	1,504 92
Grand Total Net Receipts	\$26,514 23

EXPENDITURES

Administration:		
Salaries of district officers	\$272 59	
Supt.'s Salary (local share)	464 63	
Tax for state wide supervision	168 00	
Salaries of other Administrative personnel	183 00	
Supplies and expenses	271 70	
	<hr/>	\$1,359 92
Instruction:		
Teachers' Salaries	\$9,097 20	
Books & other Instructional Aids	287 20	
Scholars' Supplies	452 03	
Supplies and Other Expenses	111 89	
	<hr/>	\$9,948 32
Operation of School Plant:		
Salaries of Janitors	\$1,586 06	
Fuel or Heat	932 12	
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses	830 84	
	<hr/>	\$3,349 02
Maintenance of School Plant:		
Repairs and Replacements	\$65 74	\$65 74
Auxiliary Activities:		
Health Supervision	\$233 85	
Transportation	3,799 72	
Tuition	4,125 00	
Special Activities & Special Funds	440 38	
School Lunch (Federal & Dist. Funds Only)	801 60	
	<hr/>	\$9,400 55
Fixed Charges:		
Retirement & Social Security	\$515 19	
Insurance, Treas. Bonds & Expenses	353 40	
	<hr/>	\$868 59
Capital Outlay:		
Additions & Improvements to Bldgs.	\$387 72	
New Equipment	289 89	
	<hr/>	\$677 61
Debt and Interest:		
Interest on Debt	\$780 36	\$780 36
Total Expenditures for all Purposes		<hr/> \$26,450 11
Balance on Hand at the end of the Year (June 30, 1953)		64 12
Grand Total		<hr/> \$26,514 23

HARRISVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT**Balance Sheet June 30, 1953****ASSETS**

Cash on Hand June 30, 1953	\$64 12	
Total Assets	\$64 12	
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets)	34,000 00	
Grand Total		\$34,064 12

LIABILITIES

Notes and Bonds Outstanding (total)	\$34,000 00	
Total Liabilities	\$34,000 00	
Surplus (Excess of Assets Over Liabilities)	64 12	
Grand Total		\$34,064 12

ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET 1954 TO 1955**Administration:**

Salaries of district officers	\$295 00
Board chairman \$75; District Treas. \$75; Clerk \$5; Board secretary \$35; Moderator \$5; Auditor \$50; Board member \$35; Truant officer—; Census \$15.	
Supt.'s. salary (local share)	540 00
Tax for statewide supervision (\$2 per pupil)	170 00
Salaries of administrative personnel (supt.'s clerk)	208 00
Supplies and expenses of administration (Postage, telephone eqpt. supplies, supt.'s office)	250 00

Instruction:

Elementary teachers' salaries	10,370 00
Books & instructional aids, elem. school	200 00
Scholars' supplies, elem.	550 00
Supplies and other expenses, elem. (Graduation costs, reference books, work books)	125 00

Operation of School Plant:

Salaries of janitors, elem.	2,000 00
Fuel and heat, elem.	900 00

Water, lights, janitors supplies, elem. (Soap, toilet paper, hand towels, floor wax, etc.)	800 00
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Maintenance of School Plant:

Repairs and replacements, elem.	75 00
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Auxiliary Activities:

Health supervision, elem.	275 00
Transportation, high	1,600 00
Transportation, elem.	3,200 00
Tuition, high	6,992 00
Special activities, elem. (athletics, lunch program)	800 00

Fixed Charges:

Teachers' retirement, elem. (social security)	742 00
Insurance, elem.	353 00

Total Current Expenses	\$30,445 00
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Capital Outlay:

Lands and new buildings, elem.	\$300 00
New equipment, elem.	100 00

Debt and Interest:

Principal of debt	1,600 00
Interest of debt	530 00

Total School Expenditures or Appropriations	\$32,975 00
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ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Trust funds	\$20 00
Elementary school tuition	300 00

Total Receipts, other than property tax	\$320 00
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Amount to be raised by District Assessment	\$32,655 00
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SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

1. Additional appropriation available before June 30, 1954 to cover costs of fill and grading school grounds and additional costs of increased retirement established by state law.

2. Article to raise \$900 for a 5,500 gal. fuel tank.

3. Article to raise \$100 for extra light, heat, janitor service to make the building available free to public groups.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Harrisville School District has been fortunate in solving the many problems it has met in the past school year. Some of these follow.

The retirement of Mrs. Effie Hunt presented a difficult problem in these days of severe teacher shortage. After an intensive effort to obtain a capable teacher of high caliber, Mrs. Marian Sabin was elected and has proved to be a valuable member of the staff.

Transportation again became an acute problem. All efforts to obtain a reasonable bid from established bus operators failed. Finally, Mr. Fred Davis decided to purchase a bus and accepted a three year contract at a very acceptable figure.

The problem of filling and grading additional playground space for the ball-field was nicely solved when the state constructed a new section of roadway, and through the efforts of Mr. William Bemis, agreed to supply fill at no cost other than necessary bulldozing. Our playground area has almost doubled in size this year.

The problem of improving and broadening the educational program at the Wells Memorial School has been met to a degree seldom achieved in a small elementary school. Through sharing of special teacher services with nearby school districts, Harrisville is now able to offer its children, in addition to the traditional elementary subjects, excellent art training under a certified art instructor. In addition, those pupils who find difficulty in reading, now receive help from a specially trained reading teacher. The singing ability of the pupils was amply demonstrated during the Christmas Operetta and is a credit to the staff and the music supervisor.

All in all, difficult problems have been successfully met and solved this year and much credit is due the school board as well as all members of the school staff.

CHARLES L. BOWLBY
Superintendent

SCHOOL CENSUS REPORT 1953-54

AGES AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1953

Age	Boys	Girls	In School		In School Outside District
			Total	In Dist.	
less than 1 year	7	3	10		
1	6	5	11		
2	3	6	9		
3	5	3	8		
4	7	8	15		
5	4	4	8	4	
6	10	7	17	17	
7	2	5	7	7	
8	5	3	8	8	
9	3	4	7	7	
10	1	5	6	6	
11	0	4	4	4	
12	4	2	6	6	
13	5	5	10	6	4
14	3	2	5	1	4
15	5	2	7		4
16	0	6	6		4
17	4	2	6		3
18	3	3	6		1
Totals	45	50	90	62	20

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

TO THE CITIZENS OF HARRISVILLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE:

As Principal of Wells Memorial School, I have the pleasure to present the following report.

Again this year we have the student body participating in the Wells Memorial Association, the student government organization introduced by my predecessor. Through this organization student problems are kept at a minimum, and those problems that do arise are handled in a democratic manner, benefiting the majority. Serving in the association brings to each pupil a better understanding of parliamentary procedure and correct methods used in participating in meetings. Business handled correctly with ease by the pupils makes this experience constantly worthwhile.

Following last year's custom, we are again conducting monthly school dances. Each year I marvel at the speed with which the first graders learn dance steps and calls. These dances provide wholesome recreation in a supervised atmosphere. The development of social grace and constant improvement of the social behavior of the children is greatly evidenced by those that attend dances. Parents will enjoy attending a dance, and derive much pleasure from watching youth at play.

This year we have been fortunate in having two cadet teachers from Keene Teachers College in Keene, New Hampshire; one each semester. Miss Elizabeth Sweet has worked some time in all grades during the first semester, and Miss Hazel Taylor will devote her time next semester to working in the lower grades. Having these cadet teachers has made for more individual attention for more pupils possible. Cadet teachers working at the Wells Memorial School have a fine opportunity to work in an outstanding, well-equipped, small elementary school.

With the addition of Mrs. Stella Eaton as art supervisor and Mrs. Elva Rawding as remedial reading instructor this year, your educational facilities in town are showing progress. You should be proud as taxpayers who are constantly increasing areas of education for the children of Harrisville.

As principal I welcome Mrs. Marian Sabin as teacher in Grades 3, 4, and 5. Mrs. Sabin comes to us a well-informed teacher with varied experiences, and has already proven a valuable addition to your staff at the school.

At Christmas time the school children presented an operetta, "Santa's Vacation," which proved a splendid example of school-community cooperation. Through this wonderful spirit of cooperation, a program worthwhile to all in the community was presented.

At the writing of this report the school funds are banked in the following amounts:

Pell Projector Fund	\$170 31
Profits from Fanmour products	19 41
Profits from Christmas corsages	14 50
Food Sale	28 30
Total	\$232 53

As your Principal, I say thank you; a simple phrase, yet filled with sincere and heartfelt gratitude. I have enjoyed every minute in your community, because each of you has contributed true cooperation and spirit in a most generous manner.

RICHARD E. WYMAN

Wells Memorial School, Principal

WELLS MEMORIAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM REPORT, 1953

The Lunch Program I feel should be considered a laboratory for learning to eat.

Health is not just luck. Health must begin in childhood and an important phase of improved health of children is the serving of a nutritious lunch.

Habits are formed early in life, thus the development of sound food practices should be started early at home and in the primary grades. Children are interested in food and eating. They want to be healthy and grow. If they learn to eat the proper foods, they will develop the habit of liking the right foods.

Several programs have been carried on this year to promote better eating habits. Through the undying interest of the teachers and the fine cooperation of the pupils, I feel we have been most successful in stimulating more interest in foods and thus, forming better eating habits. We have plans for a more extensive health program which will include all grades.

The program has received from the United States Department of Agriculture since September the following foods: Frozen Hamburg, American cheese, canned beef in gravy, butter, salad oil, vegetable shortening, dry navy beans, canned peaches, canned tomatoes, canned peas, concentrated orange juice, honey, dried apricots, dry milk powder. These commodities have enabled us to serve better meals at the usual low cost.

It has indeed been a pleasure to work in such a well equipped and pleasant kitchen. I wish to express my deep appreciation for the kind cooperation of teachers, pupils and parents and to all who have helped make this a successful year for the Lunch Program.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CECIL B. NASH

Dietitian

Wells Memorial School Lunch Program

HARRISVILLE SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNT September 1952-June 1953

Total Receipts Lunch Sales—Children	\$1,863 70
Total Receipts Lunch Sales—Adults	71 05
Total	\$1,934 75
 Total Expenses paid for food	 \$1,507 23
Total Expenses paid for labor	1,316 50
Total Expenses paid for equipment	15 68
Total Expenses paid for All Other	71 28
 Total	 \$2,910 69

Total received for lunch sales	\$1,934 75
Total reimbursement checks received (Gov.)	484 45
Total received from school funds	400 00
Total Misc. Receipts	26 11
Total Receipts	\$2,845 31
Balance as of Sept. 1952	81 44
	\$2,926 75
Less Total Expenditures	2,910 69
Balance as of June 30th, 1953	\$16 06

HARRISVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS

\$49,000—2% bonds dated August 1, 1949

Date	Outstanding	Principal	Interest	Total
Feb. 1, 1950	\$49,000		\$490	\$490
Aug. 1, 1950	49,000	\$5,000	490	5,490
Feb. 1, 1951	44,000		440	440
Aug. 1, 1951	44,000	5,000	440	5,440
Feb. 1, 1952	39,000		390	390
Aug. 1, 1952	39,000	5,000	390	5,390
Feb. 1, 1953	34,000		340	340
Aug. 1, 1953	34,000	5,000	340	5,340
Feb. 1, 1954	29,000		290	290
Aug. 1, 1954	29,000	5,000	290	5,290
Feb. 1, 1955	24,000		240	240
Aug. 1, 1955	24,000	5,000	240	5,240
Feb. 1, 1956	19,000		190	190
Aug. 1, 1956	19,000	5,000	190	5,190
Feb. 1, 1957	14,000		140	140
Aug. 1, 1957	14,000	5,000	140	5,140
Feb. 1, 1958	9,000		90	90
Aug. 1, 1958	9,000	5,000	90	5,090
Feb. 1, 1959	4,000		40	40
Aug. 1, 1959	4,000	4,000	40	4,040
	\$49,000	\$5,300	\$54,300	

Under terms of the agreement with Mr. Wellington Wells, a balance of \$23,400 was available to pay off the bond issue. \$20,000 has been paid to date. On Aug. 1, 1954 another payment of \$5,000 will be due. Since \$3,400 will be met under the Wells agreement, the school district will be required to pay \$1,600. On August 1, 1955; the district will be required to raise \$5,000.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

DATE	PLACE	BABY'S NAME	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
1953				
Mar. 3	Keene	William Kenneth, Jr.	William K. Hope	Jessie Chamberlain
April 13	Keene	Linda Elise	Alex Bartashevich	Elizabeth Seuss
May 9	Keene	Duane Albert	Arthur Cody	Gloria Noyes
June 24	Keene	George Forrester	John J. Colony, Jr.	Marjorie Page
Sept. 17	Keene	Gary Bruce	Arvi Anderson	Flora Sprague

MARRIAGES

DATE	PLACE	NAMES	RESIDENCE
1952			
Dec. 12	Park Ridge, Ill.	John G. Pickard Ann W. Rathbun	Chicago, Ill. Harrisville
1953			
April 4	Keene	Russell Clark Marie Bailey	Harrisville Keene
Aug. 20	Chesham	Charles F. Spiltoir Shirley M. Annala	New York City, N. Y. Chesham
Oct. 17	Keene	Richard M. Record Janice N. Robidoux	Harrisville Keene

DEATHS

DATE	PLACE	NAME	AGE
1952	Harrisville		
Dec. 22	(for burial only)	Gertrude Biscoe	52
1953	Harrisville		
Mar. 31	(for burial only)	Delia Farwell Richards	38
May 7	Harrisville		
	(for burial only)	Mary J. Carroll	87
May 14	Harrisville		
	(for burial only)	Lewis S. Farwell	82
June 11	Keene	Napoleon M. Bergeron	79
July 3	Harrisville	Aloysius Ryan	59
July 4	Keene	Frans Isaac Seppa	77
July 8	Keene	Fred Emery	90
July 10	Keene	Clarence Seaver	62
July 24	Keene	John A. Taylor	84
Aug. 3	Hudson	Bertha C. Bemis	83
Sept. 4	Peterborough	Neil Johnson	—
Sept. 18	Harrisville	Goldie Gilbert	77
Sept. 20	Harrisville	Isiah A. Fraser	59
Sept. 27	Harrisville	Alfred M. Butler	89
Oct. 28	Harrisville		
	(for burial only)	Joseph Robinson	—
Oct. 29	Keene	Wilfred F. Cloutier	56
Nov. 13	Harrisville	Charles F. Laine	75
Nov. 28	Harrisville	Annie I. Brown	88
Dec. 29	Harrisville	Jennie L. Gregoire	72

HELEN B. THAYER, Town Clerk

